



Friday 9th February 2024

INSPIRE Morning

Thank you to all the parents who came to our INSPIRE mornings last week. We had a fantastic turnout and the children enjoyed seeing you in class. I am glad you found the session helpful in supporting your child with their reading, writing or maths at home. The feedback we received was also very positive. One parent said, "It was great to know what questions to ask when hearing my child read at home. I also learnt more about choosing the correct key word." Lots of parents said they would now be able to support their child better at home. Your support will match how we teach your child at school. We look forward to holding more INSPIRE sessions in the summer term.

Children's Mental Health Week

Our children have taken part in special assemblies to celebrate Mental Health Week. The theme of the assemblies was "My Voice Matters." You can find out more about the work we have been doing in school by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

This webpage also has ideas on how to support your child's mental wellbeing at home.

The recent assemblies have added to the work that the children do on mental health during their relationships and health lessons. We speak to our children regularly about understanding different feelings. We remind them that they must talk to a trusted adult in school immediately if they ever have "big" feelings. "Big" feelings are those that don't go away and stop you from doing normal day-to-day activities.

Word of the Month

We must encourage our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in February:

- Year 1 - haul
- Year 2 - epic
- Year 3 - jubilant
- Year 4 - refuge
- Year 5 - exquisite
- Year 6 - uninhabited

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Waterton's Got Talent

Well done to all of the children who recently auditioned for Waterton's Got Talent. I know Mrs Jackson found it hard to choose the children who will represent the school at the show later this year. The children who were successful in their audition will now practise a new routine in preparation for the show. I look forward to watching their progress over the coming weeks.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 6 for having an attendance of more than 99%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.9%	95.2%	92%	92.1%	93.3%	97.2%	99.2%	94.9%

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Monday 19th February. Thank you for your continued support.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

